

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Rob Portman (R-OH), and Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) today introduced legislation to rename the United States Postal Service office on Tallmadge Road in Rootstown after a Portage County Marine killed in Iraq in November 2005. Sergeant Jeremy E. Murray, a native of Rootstown, was on his third tour of duty abroad. Murray's mother is a longtime employee of the Tallmadge Road facility.

“Sergeant Jeremy Murray was a patriot who selflessly gave his life for our nation. Nothing we can do can fully honor his contribution to our country’s national security and our freedom—but we can pay tribute to his memory by renaming the Rootstown post office in his honor,” Senator Brown said. “In doing so, we can ensure that Sergeant Murray’s service is remembered and appreciated for years to come.”

“Marine Corps Sergeant Jeremy Murray was an honorable and dedicated member of our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. Sergeant Murray’s service to our nation is something that should never be forgotten and by naming the Tallmadge Road Post Office in his honor, it will preserve his legacy as one of Ohio’s true heroes,” said Senator Portman.

“I’m proud to work with Senator Brown and Senator Portman to honor the life of Sergeant Jeremy Murray, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country,” said Congressman Tim Ryan. “This facility will memorialize his legacy as a Rootstown hero for generations to come.”

Sergeant Murray was awarded the Purple Heart, a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and a Gold Star for heroic achievement in Iraq. He is survived by his wife Megan, his son Ian, and his parents, Pam and Harold Murray.

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